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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicant, through and by his or her attorneys, hereby wishes to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached modified PTO 1449 Form. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and a copy of each non-patent document listed on the form is also presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience. Cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not included in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 USC 371 after June 30, 2003.

Applicant also wishes to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/682108 filed 10/09/2003, by Tippey for "COMPRESSED PACKAGE HAVING AN EXPANSION MECHANISM."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/716350 filed 11/18/2003, by Tippey for "COMPRESSED PACKAGE HAVING AN OPENING MECHANISM AND AN EXPANSION MEMBER."

These applications are not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449; however, copies of these applications are provided herewith.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant in no way admits that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

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The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicant recommends that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicant requests the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicant requests that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

If the Examiner refuses to consider any or all of the herein submitted materials because it is the Examiner's opinion that this Information Disclosure Statement is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner notify the undersigned, in writing, as to the basis of such opinion.

Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

The undersigned may be reached at: 920-721-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

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**List of Patents and Publications for Information Disclosure Statement**

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U.S. Patent Documents							
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	A2	4,414,788	11/1983	Berg			
	A3	5,282,687	02/1994	Yee			
	A4	5,377,837	01/1995	Roussel			
	A5	5,464,285	11/1995	Anderson			
	A6	5,743,447	04/1998	Mcdermott			
	A7	5,987,833	11/1999	Heffelfinger et al.			
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	A4	WO 01/07336 A1	02/2001	World - PCT			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other Documents		
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